



MELISSA TURNS DOWN A PRINCE AND A GOOD FELLOW.

"I declare, it seems to me as if I hadn't seen you for about a month," said Mrs. Merriwid's maternal maiden aunt Jane. "Not more than long enough at a time to ask you when you expected to be home."

Mrs. Merriwid laughed as musically as it is possible for a woman to laugh when she is bent double, with her back hair thrown forward.

"I guess it is about a month since Mr. Stoxan began calling, isn't it?" pursued Aunt Jane, archly.

Mrs. Merriwid resumed her upright position with a jerk that threw her hair back. "About that, dearie," she replied, "and I don't mind owning that I'm beginning to breathe hard and get a stitch in my side. The pace is certainly a little rapid for me. You know, Auntie, dear, I've not been accustomed to it. Poor Henry never took me out often than four nights in a week."

"I didn't suppose it was as often as that," remarked Aunt Jane.

"You're a clever little guesser," said her niece. "Four times was about the average for a year with Henry. He was strong for the domestic hearth and an early retreat to the excelsior, Henry was. Once in a while an interesting and instructive lecture on 'Ethical Culture Among the Ancient Egyptians' would lure him out and keep him up to the unearthly hour of eleven at night, and of course Friend Wife shared in the giddy dissipation; but the programme never



CONSIDERED HER REFLECTION IN THE MIRROR.

included things like broiled lobster and sizzly beverages. The only fizzy stuff Henry approved of was a temperate seltzer powder, poor dear! No, Mr. Stoxan is different."

"He must be very rich," Aunt Jane hazarded.

"No, auntie, he's not very rich, he's merely made a killing," corrected Mrs. Merriwid. "When a board of trade speculator makes a killing the first thing he does is to buy a self-starting six with electric lights and all modern conveniences, and get into a 'bunch.' That puts him out of all danger of getting rich, especially when he acquires the 'little supper' habit, and Mr. Stoxan has got that in its acute stages. His idea of heaven is an everlasting round of hot birds, cold bottles and green Chartreuse, with the celestial choir playing rag-time behind a clump of artificial palms in green tubs."

"My dear!" protested Aunt Jane, in a shocked voice.

Mrs. Merriwid wound a thick strand of hair in an experimental coil on the top of her head and considered the reflection in her mirror. "Well, perhaps I'm wrong," she said. "I don't really suppose he gives much thought to a future state. May be it is about as far ahead as he cares to speculate. But that 'bunch!' They've certainly got to cut the string and let me out of it."

"I'm glad you feel that way, Melissa, dear," said Aunt Jane.

"This thing of high living and peroxide dyeing gets on my nerves," declared Mrs. Merriwid. "That's the female part of it. I hope I'm not too particular, but it does seem to me that a single rope of pearls is an awful poor chest-protector, and I don't like to look conspicuously different from my sister supper-eaters, at that. Well, I'm going to take the rest cure, auntie—rest and change. Mr. Stoxan is up against a strong bear movement."

"Of course, being a bachelor may account for his extravagance," Aunt Jane suggested. "If he married and settled down—"

"They never do," said Mrs. Merriwid. "Once in a while they settle up, but that's only when they've guessed right; and every once in a while they guess wrong and then there's a self-

starting six for sale at a sacrifice. Owner can give excellent reasons for selling. Don't you ever think that a stock gambler's wife is going to make him put his winnings into a safe, three per cent. solution of brine and carry his lunch to the office, because she isn't, dearie. She's got to accept her Russian sables and diamonds without a cheep of protest. If she doesn't, some other lady will, so she might as well resign herself to her fate and enjoy herself until hubby comes home and tells her that Pactollans have unexpectedly dropped six points. Then she'll catch cold without the pearl rope."

"I really thought that you thought seriously—"

"I do, now and then," said Mrs. Merriwid. "That's all that saves me. If I hadn't taken three or four seconds to carefully weigh the advantages and disadvantages of Mr. Stoxan from a matrimonial standpoint, there's no telling what might have happened. As it is, I fear me that the gentleman will hunk his horn beneath my bower window about one more time, and that will let him out. He's going to give a farewell supper tonight, only he doesn't know it. I'm not disposed to deny that he's a very nice man in very many respects, but he's not to be trusted with matches anywhere near money, and I don't want to go to the expense of a fire-proof safe for what poor Henry left me."

"Well, I'm glad," observed Aunt Jane. "At the same time I'm a little surprised."

"I don't see why you should be sur-

prised," said Mrs. Merriwid. "I don't say that I've any particular objection to luxury. I like good things to eat and drink and pretty things to look at and to wear; I like broiled lobster once in a while and I don't find champagne hard to take; all my life I've wanted sables, and I certainly envied that woman the pearls she was wearing; but I also like to feel reasonably sure of a continuance of breakfast bacon and eggs and the ability to spring myself for a hundred dollar tailor-made and a twenty-five dollar hat once in a while. Isn't that sensible? Isn't it logical?"

"That's what surprises me," said Aunt Jane.

"If Mr. Stoxan could only think up some way of enjoying himself, it wouldn't be so bad," sighed Mrs. Merriwid; "but breaking the speed ordinances to the tune of 'Goodbye, My Love,' and imbibing cocktails at every stop, palls on a person of average intellect after a little, and what Mr. Stoxan calls 'the show proposition' gives one an acute pain. I'm fond of society, but I get sick of it when it means nothing but stale cigarette smoke and caviare sandwiches and red faces and white shirt-fronts and watery eyes and mandolin orchestras and stories that you don't know whether you ought to listen to or not. That makes me think tenderly of the ancient Egyptians. No, dearie; set your mind at rest. Mr. Stoxan is a good fellow and a prince and the salt of the earth, when he isn't fresh, but at the same time he's a horrible example and I shall be obliged to turn him down. Nevertheless I feel that I have deceived him cruelly."

"How so?" queried Aunt Jane.

"I've made him think I was a good fellow, too, and after all, I find that there's considerable of the old hen about me," replied Mrs. Merriwid. (Copyright, 1912, by W. G. Chapman.)

No Clinch.

Lulu's mother heard a great splash in the bathroom, and, upon investigation, found her little daughter standing in the partially filled tub, in a most bedraggled condition.

"Why, you see, mamma," she explained, "I've been trying to walk on the water, and it's no fool job, let me tell you."—Judge

SPECIAL DAYS AT FAIR

EACH DIVISION OF STATE GIVEN DATES.

Good Roads, Boys' Corn Clubs, Farmers' Institute, and Confederate Veterans on Schedule of Entertainments.

Nashville.—The Tennessee State Fair dates this year are September 1-21, and Secretary J. W. Russell has arranged the following schedule of special days:

Monday, September 16—Middle Tennessee Day, Tennessee Press Day, Fraternal Order Day and Automobile Day.

Tuesday, September 17—West Tennessee Day and Woman's Day.

Wednesday, September 18—Nashville Day, East Tennessee Day, Good Roads Day and Boys' Corn Club Day.

Thursday, September 19—Commercial and Social Club Day, Kentucky Day, and Printers' Cost Congress Day.

Friday, September 20—Farmers' Institute Day, Confederate Veterans' Day and Alabama Day.

Saturday, September 21—Children's Day, Girls' Day (girls not over 16 years of age), Traveling Men's Day and Labor Organization Day, members in uniform.

Pension Roll Depleted.

Knoxville.—Nearly 5,000 names were removed by death from the rolls of the Knoxville pension agency during the past year, according to the annual report just issued. In the previous year \$10,046,239.58 was distributed among 59,353 pensioners in the Southern states. This year's close shows 56,430 names and \$9,670,071.58 paid out. New pensions and transfers account for the difference in the figures. Tennessee leads with 15,686 pensioners.

Liquor Sales by Druggists.

Chattanooga.—In his address to the Pharmaceutical Association, President Davis made various recommendations as to regulations and legislation for the profession. He declared that drug stores selling liquor in evasion of the prohibition law should be condemned and suppressed, and favored a law requiring all druggists holding saloon licenses or selling liquors as a beverage to conduct the business in a separate building as a saloon.

Martin Institute.

Martin.—The State Institute held in the Hall-Moody Institute came to a close Thursday. It enrolled the unprecedented number of 468, in addition to 75 visitors, who attended one or more days. The enrollment was without doubt the largest ever had in Tennessee, and was also composed of the finest body of teachers, which was evidenced by the fact that 75 per cent were teachers of experience and only about 18 per cent of those taking examinations failed to get a certificate.

Hartsfield Pardoned.

Nashville.—Gov. Hooper issued a pardon to Roland Hartsfield, convicted in Loudon county in 1911 of the charge of perjury and sentenced to three years. This is a conditional pardon, the stipulations under which the pardon is granted being that the prisoner shall abstain from the use of all intoxicating drinks; that he shall not visit gambling houses, and that he shall report to the warden of the penitentiary every two months.

Summer School Ends.

Murfreesboro.—The summer school at the Middle Tennessee Normal closed with a record-breaking attendance, there having been over 500 students enrolled during the summer season. Prof. R. L. Jones is enthusiastic over the splendid attendance and fine work the school has been favored with, and predicts that the attendance next fall will exceed 1,000 students. It has become necessary to erect new boarding houses to accommodate the many pupils attending the Normal from a distance.

Dismisses Court Term.

Paris.—On account of the farmers being so far behind with their work, a number of appeals have gone up to Judge T. E. Harwood to dismiss the present term of circuit court. Accordingly, he has carried over to the next term civil cases numbering about thirty and of State cases, except the jail cases, these will number about 150 to be carried over on this docket.

Commemorate Forrest's Raid.

Murfreesboro.—One of the most interesting events commemorating noted battles of the late war that has been celebrated in Tennessee was observed in Murfreesboro Saturday, when a handsome tablet was unveiled at the court house to signalize the raid that Gen. Forrest made into Murfreesboro on July 13, 1862, capturing the Ninth Michigan and the Third Minnesota.

For Memphis Hospital.

Atwood.—One of the most interesting talks of the Paris District Conference, in session here, was made by Dr. H. M. Ellis on the subject of "Doing Something Big." Dr. Ellis is traveling in the interest of the Tri-State Methodist Hospital, which is to be erected in Memphis in the near future, and he makes an interesting report of the same.

Farmers Discouraged.

Lebanon.—Owing to the continued rain in this section, farmers are very much discouraged over the crop conditions. The wheat and oats which have been cut are sprouting and moulding in the shock, and it looks now as though the entire crop would be lost.

Damage From Rains.

South Pittsburg.—The recent heavy rains in this section have worked untold damage to the farms and the crops in general.

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED AT MURFREESBORO CONFERENCE.

Endorse Codification of the School Laws and Favor Consolidation of Schools.

Nashville.—The conference of Middle Tennessee County School Superintendents held a three days' session at Murfreesboro. State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. W. Brister in speaking of the meeting said it was the most interesting of the kind he has ever attended. Superintendents of twenty-five counties attended. At the closing session the conference adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, That we, the County Superintendents of Middle Tennessee, and the faculty and students of the Middle Tennessee Normal School, do hereby announce the following platform of educational principles:

1. We favor the issuance of bonds with which to erect, repair and equip school houses.

2. We favor a codification of the school laws whereby we may secure a uniform system of education for the state.

3. We heartily endorse the movement for consolidation of schools and pledge our earnest support thereto.

4. We favor and earnestly recommend that the high school system be extended to every county in the state.

5. We commend the management and work of the Middle Tennessee Normal School and advocate necessary financial support for its maintenance and development.

6. Recognizing the need of more adequate funds for operating our educational system, we favor an amendment to the general educational bill increasing school revenues from twenty-five to thirty-three and one-third per cent, the percentage of distribution among the different education agencies to remain unchanged.

7. We heartily commend the work of State Superintendent Brister, Inspectors Harned and Frazier and Miss Virginia P. Moore and pledge them our cordial support in all their efforts toward the upbuilding of the schools of the state.

Summer School Success.

Nashville.—The first Summer School of the new Agricultural and Industrial State Normal School is now history. The feature that impressed those connected with the school was the interest shown by the students and their expressions of a desire to do something to help in promoting the welfare of the new work which has been planted here. The summer session was an undoubted success and much good was accomplished.

Plan Railroad Building.

Trerevant.—The prospects of getting a new railroad is the source of much joy to the people of Atwood and community west of this place on the Louisville and Nashville. According to reports which are well founded, the extension of the New Orleans, Mobile and Chicago from Middleton, its present terminus, to Atwood via Jackson, is being planned by the company.

Musket Caught on Trot Line.

Gallatin.—While fishing in Cumberland river, George and Roy Conner and Ollie Walters made an unusual catch. While running their trot lines they found entangled on one of the hooks an old-fashioned musket with a bayonet attached. It is believed the gun, which bears the initials, "J. O. S.," was lost or thrown into the river during the civil war.

Teachers' Institute Successful.

Cookeville.—The State Teachers' Institute in this city, of which Dr. A. T. Barrett of Peabody College was conductor, was one of the most successful and largely attended state institutes ever held. The attendance of teachers represented every county in this section of the state. The entire corps of instructors have greatly endeared themselves to all the teachers.

Oats and Wheat Damaged.

Cookeville.—The continued rain has inflicted very great damage to oats and wheat. Farmers are greatly behind with their work. Most of the corn has only been plowed once.

Raises Good Wheat Crop.

Lawrenceburg.—Mr. John Andre, Sr., of this place, has just completed a demonstration that farming pays. Last fall he sowed four acres in wheat on his place north of town. He harvested the crop about a week ago, threshed a few days thereafter and found he had raised about 65 bushels of wheat, something over 15 bushels to the acre.

Cookeville.—A. J. Johnson, one of the oldest and most highly esteemed citizens of this county, died at his home in the Second district in this county. He was 80 years old and was a gallant Confederate soldier.

Sheep-Killing Dogs.

Lynville.—A number of farmers in this section report a devastation from dogs on their flocks of sheep. One well-known farmer had about a dozen head killed in one night.

Tobacco Planters' Day.

Tullahoma.—All Tullahoma and Coffee county turned out for a gala day, in honor of the Tobacco Planters of Tullahoma District. A crowd estimated at from 3,000 to 4,000 people was in attendance.

Negro Stabs Employer.

Ripley.—A negro by the name of Bill Nyler became involved in a dispute with Herbert Coffman, on whose farm he was employed, and seriously, if not fatally, stabbed his employer.

STATES AWAKING TO DANGER

Additional Hospital Beds for the Treatment of the Tuberculous Are Being Established.

Nearly 4,000 additional hospital beds for consumptives in 29 states were provided during the year ending June 1, according to a statement issued by the National Association for the Study and Prevention of Tuberculosis. This makes a total of over 30,000 beds, but only about one for every ten indigent tuberculosis patients in this country.

In the last five years, the hospital provision for consumptives has increased from 14,428 in 1907, to over 30,000 in 1912, or over 100 per cent. New York state leads in the number of beds, having 8,350 on June 1; Massachusetts comes next with 2,800; and Pennsylvania, a close third with 2,700. Alabama showed the greatest percentage of increase in the last year by adding 57 new beds to its 42 a year ago. Georgia comes next with 199 beds added to 240 a year ago. New York has the greatest numerical increase, having provided over 1,800 additional beds in the year.

UNREASONABLE GROWNUPS.



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